



OAKLAND ANIMAL SERVICES
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RE: Public Records Request #20158

OAS does not euthanize “adoptable” pets. As both a public safety agency and animal welfare organization, we have a duty to put out animals that we believe are safe in the community and to ensure that animals are not suffering in our care. Thus, if an animal begins to deteriorate in our shelter to the point that we think it unsafe to adopt the animal out or to the point where we think the animal no longer has a decent quality of life in our shelter, we will seek alternatives to sheltering or make difficult decisions in the interest of humane care and/or public safety.

Friends of OAS is a separate nonprofit that publishes their expenditures in conformance with IRS standards. OAS does not oversee their operations nor does OAS receive direct funds from Friends of OAS.

OAS statistics for 2015 can be found on the agency’s website: oaklandanimalservices.org. 2016 statistics will be forthcoming.

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Oakland Animal Services is one of the most poorly funded standalone municipal animal welfare agencies in the Bay Area – any member of the public may review our budget for the number of animals and residents we serve in comparison to our neighbors. Our budget does not provide for enhanced services at this time. Accordingly, we rely on the collaboration and support of our partners, including FOAS, to assist in our life-saving efforts. These partnerships, along with improvements made in the leadership, training, and staffing of OAS in recent years has led to a significant increase in our life saving efforts (from 58% a few years ago to over 80% currently). The improved staffing, training and advocacy for the agency all leads to better enrichment and placement of animals in our care. However, we do not have a line item in our budget for those services.

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